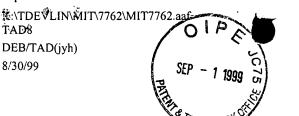
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Sir:

This Amendment After Final Rejection is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 30, 1999 in the aboveidentified application and to a telephone interview between Examiners Achutamurthy and Garcia, David E. Brook, Attorney for Applicants, and Theresa Devlin conducted on August 4, 1999. Applicants thank the Examiners for granting the interview.

A two-month extension of time and a Notice of Appeal from the Final Office Action dated March 30, 1999, with appropriate fees, are being filed concurrently.